



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 12

Meeting Date: 7-10-2006

Meeting Location: Connersville DCS Office

Council Members Present: Judge Cox, Union County; Terry Suttle, Franklin/Rush County; Debbie Van Meter, FCM Fayette County; Jean Cates, Wayne County; Andrea Smith, Foster Parent Wayne County; Gene Sanford, Union County

Council Members Absent: Judge Pflum, Fayette County; Judge Willis, Henry County, Jennifer Munden, Henry County; Annette Craycraft, GAL/CASA, Henry County

Others In Attendance: Dan Arens, Meridian; Darla Randall, Birth to Five; Vivian Ashmawi, Communities in Schools; Scott Noel, White's

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:30 PM

1. Jon Bennett-Children's Bureau. Jon distributed packet for DCS staff regarding the Independent Living Program. He then distributed a revised timeline for the Community Partners Initiative. He stated that Carl Scheib had accepted the position of Project Manager and would begin his duties the 1st of August. Thanks to Terry Suttle and Andrea Smith for assisting with the interview process. They now have office space at 2508 Western Avenue, Cherry Hill Park. The office will be functional the week of July 17th. Carl will begin by meeting with DCS directors and judges to assess services. The cases that are unsubstantiated by DCS will be the first referral source for Community Partners. He needs more names for the steering committee. He suggested those who are influential in the community, schools, business owners, LEA etc. They are advertising for the Independent Living coordinator again. Please let anyone that might be interested know of the posting.
2. County Budget Presentation-The budgets for all 6 counties were presented and brief explanations were given. There were no comments or questions.
3. Drug and Alcohol treatment and Assessment- It is a given that there are drug and alcohol treatment and assessment concerns in our region. Many if

not most of our cases have drug or alcohol issues that interfere with reunification and stability. The question is; what works? A committee was formed consisting of Vickie Jones, Terry Suttle, Jennifer McGuire and Jean Cates to see what is working in other areas. What do the studies indicate is the best intervention.

4. Child Welfare Services- allocations amounts were distributed to the council. These are state funds and are not a part of the county property tax. A letter from M.B. Lippold was distributed. It was stressed that these funds are for prevention and not for specific cases.
5. A notice was distributed regarding an IYI Audio Conference with Director Payne on July 28th.
6. Public Comment-Scott Noel of White's announced they now have an office in Anderson IN.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: August 14, 2006 at Connorsville DCS at 3:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:25 PM